



HU NAMES NAMES—Identities of the ringleaders of the Communist conspiracy in Pittsburgh were revealed publicly today before the House Un-American Activities Committee by Matt Cvetic. Mr. Cvetic for nine years was an FBI undercover agent in the Communist network.

Hundred Here Listed As Commies by Former Undercover FBI Agent

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By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—Former FBI Agent Matt Cvetic today began listing publicly the persons "connected with the Communist apparatus" in the Pittsburgh area.

The sensational testimony, given openly before the House Un-American Activities Committee, was expected to cover close to 200 names before the day's end.

Most of them—but not all—were actually card-carrying members of the Communist Party, Mr. Cvetic testified.

Mr. Cvetic, who disclosed himself last Friday as a paid undercover man for the FBI for nine years, cited some of the district's most active labor leaders and fraternal union officials as members of the "apparatus."

He also named as actual members of the party many professional men, including lawyers.

He already had given the names to the committee at secret sessions Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Today he started to lay them on the records for the whole public.

The impact of Mr. Cvetic's testimony may rip Steve Nelson, Russian-trained Communist boss, out of the chairmanship of the party in Western Pennsylvania, and virtually wreck the Communist organization in the Pittsburgh district.

Among those Mr. Cvetic described as members of the "Communist apparatus", in Pittsburgh were some of the leaders in the old Commie-line United Electrical Workers union; the A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, the CIO United Steel Workers and the Public Workers Union.

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Top Officials Exposed

His list also took in top officials of the American Slav Congress, previously defined by the U. S. Attorney General as a Commie front, and of the giant Croatian Fraternal Union, with national headquarters in Pittsburgh.

In Communist language, an "apparatus" is an organization or group assigned to do a particular job. It can include members assigned by the party and others included in the group by them.

The union leaders named by Mr. Cvetic as Party members included:

Nick Lazari, business agent of Local 237 of the A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance.

George Nichols, employment manager of the union.

Joe Mankin, whom Mr. Cvetic described as the man who "runs the Hotel and Restaurant workers cell of the Communist Party."

Jack Strobel, a leader in the United Public Workers here now. A few years ago he went to the Panama Canal Zone to organize employees there. The UPW was expelled from the CIO last week for Communist activity.

Tom Fitzpatrick, chief steward of the old UE Local 601 at the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in East Pittsburgh.

Tom Quinn, member of the

UE Council in District 6, covering the Pittsburgh area.

Steve Rosner, former district UE representative and ex-editor of "Progress," the District UE official publication, who was transferred from Pittsburgh last Spring.

Charles Newell, an international UE representative.

Jack Sartisky, another international representative for the U.E.

Mr. Cvetic began his testimony by outlining the organizational setup of the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh area.

Heads Negro Work

He said **Ben Careathers**, an admitted Commie, is in charge of work among the Negroes, and **James H. Dolsen**, another admitted Red, is Western Pennsylvania editor for The Daily Worker, official Commie newspaper.

Mr. Cvetic listed **Dave Grant** as party chairman for the vital East Pittsburgh district, where the electrical industry is concentrated, and said **Sam Reed** had been transferred recently to Erie to help keep the employees of the General Electric Corp. plant there under the thumb of the left-wing UE.

The former FBI informant identified **Newell**, **Quinn**, **Tom Fitzpatrick**, **Alice Roth** and **Nate Alberts** as Communist organizers in Pittsburgh UE circles.

Organizer Shifted

Mr. Cvetic testified the party recently shifted **Alex Stober** to the UE drive from his former assignment as party organizer in the South Side plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.

Anthony Salopek, he declared, is the Communist organizer for the Carnegie-Illinois Steel plant in Duquesne.

Sartisky, a UE international
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Cvetic Names Hundreds Here As Commies

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Tells All in Public

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representative, was described by Mr. Cvetic as a Communist organizer on the North Side.

Among other organizers in the district, Mr. Cvetic charged, are **Harbor Kish**, an admitted Combie; **Elmer Kish**, **Mike Stanovich**, who works the Allegheny Valley around New Kensington; and **Steve Straka** and **State Paich**, who he said work in Washington County.

Drive Stalled

Mr. Cvetic testified the party recently sent **William Gordon** into Pittsburgh to head up the Communist drive in the steel industry along with **Andrew Onda**, who has been getting nowhere.

Mr. Cvetic said the party has a separate cell at the **H. J. Heinz Co.** plant on the North Side.

Heinz Workers Named

In charge of this group, he said, are **Lazari**, **Mankin**, **Nichols**, **Helen Kompus** and **Eddie Lang**, identified as a steward at the plant.

The East End Club of the party, of which Mr. Cvetic said he was a member, includes, he testified, **Ruth Goldman**, **Esther Roth**, **Louis Filetich**, an employee of an engineering firm; **John Jenca** and **Martin Harrison**, who work for an Etna steel mill; **Eleanor Sackter**, **Dorothy (Slone) Sloan** and **Joseph Migalich**.

Mr. Cvetic said the "professional branch" of the party is known as the **Thomas Paine Club**.

Among its members, he charged, are Attorney **Y. Steinberg**, Chemist **Paul Morrison**, Union Leader **Jack Strobel** (who holds a Phi Beta Kappa key for high scholarship in college), **Abe and Nancy Franks**, **Lee Kogan**, **Dolly Gaior** and **Steve Dedijer**.

Wallace Lawyer

Steinberg is the lawyer for the Wallace group in the Pittsburgh area and often appears in cases involving left-wing defendants. So does **Hymen Schlesinger**, whom Mr. Cvetic also identified under oath as a party member.

Mr. Cvetic brought the name of **Dr. Marion Hathaway**, University of Pittsburgh professor, into the testimony. He said he saw her at many activities sponsored by Wallace's Progressive Party "but I have no information that she is a member of the (Communist) Party."

He also mentioned **George C. William** and **E. R. Matta**, who operate Radio Station **WLOA** in Braddock. Many of the Communist-line programs have been aired over this station. But, again, Mr. Cvetic said he has "no information" that they are members of the party.

Veteran Identified

Mr. Cvetic identified **John Vidmar**, a young veteran from West View, as the "setup man" for the foreign-language press on the North Side, which hews to the Commie line.

And, he testified, **Milo Mamula**, former assistant manager of the Arlington Heights housing project, is "in charge of Communist Party work in the Civil Rights Congress."

Mr. Cvetic added that a short time ago **Harold (Sonny) Orzick** was "sent to Western Pennsylvania by the national committee of the Communist Party to do youth work."

The ex-FBI agent said Orzick is being assisted by **Eddie Nixon** and **Evelyn Abelson**.

Among leaders of the American Slav Congress who Mr. Cvetic said belong to the party are:

George Wuchinich, former executive secretary of the Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, now an official in Henry Wallace's Progressive Party and head of a recently-formed "export agency" which is trying to get goods for Communist China and other Red satellite countries.

Joseph Rudiak, president of the Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and former international representative for the CIO United Railroad Workers in the Pittsburgh area.

George Pirinsky, national executive secretary of the Slav Congress, now facing deportation on grounds he is an undesirable alien.

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'FB-Eye' Got Data for Spy Hunters

Commies Here Unwittingly Contributed

Mass of Documents Through Own 'Comrade'

Pittsburgh Communists unwittingly contributed a mass of "educational" documents to the House Un-American Activities committee recently, through one of their comrades.

This story can be told today because Matt Cvetic shed his role as one of Pittsburgh's most active Communist leaders and revealed himself as having been an undercover agent for the FBI.

Mr. Cvetic was a member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania—among other party jobs.

Operated School Here

The Communists operated a downtown high school for their "important" members, Mr. Cvetic testified in a private hearing before County Court Judge Blair

F. Gunther recently.

Until last year, this school was operated at a Wood St. address, and later was transferred to an address in Liberty Ave.

Recently, Communist leaders experienced a minor panic over the possibility of an FBI search of the school.

"Get this stuff out of here," they told one of the educational committee members. "Get it out

before the FBI comes in here and gets it."

The comrade who was told to "get the stuff out" was Matt Cvetic.

He related that he readily agreed and worked hard getting out all of the school's papers, documents, books and reading material.

"I put them in a safe place, and I've still got them," he said before he left Pittsburgh. He didn't disclose their hiding place.

Also included among the documents now being gathered up by committee investigators are names of contributors to some of the party-line organizations of

which the undercover man was an official.

Mr. Cvetic described the educational material in the secret hearing before Judge Gunther. He said it was intended to teach the necessity of overthrow of the Government by force although he said that angle was "usually handled very subtly by the Communist party."

But the "must" reading for the students, he testified, included such books as "State and Revolution," "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," and "Communist Manifesto."

Talked Revolution

"I will present to the committee and point out in detail that these books specifically are written for the purpose of advancing a revolution and educating the

Communist party members to their role, which is to overthrow the Government and establish a dictatorship of the proletariat," he testified before Judge Gunther.

Mr. Cvetic named a number of Pittsburghers, some of them known Communists, as having discussed revolution in his presence. He quoted one of them as saying:

"While we have a big party in New York City, I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in this country unless we get control of Pittsburgh."

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Here Are Names Given By Cvetic at Red Inquiry

Here are some of the names mentioned by Matt Cvetic in his three days of closed testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee:

Evelyn Abelson—Former employee, Allegheny County Board of Assistance, sponsor of Pittsburgh "Students For Wallace" Committee, Pitt student.

Louis Adamic—Writer and active supporter of the American Slav Congress and other Communist-front movements.

Nate Alberts—Secretary, Squirrel Hill Club, Communist Party. Delegate to 1948 convention, Progressive Party, Active in Local 601, UE.

William Albertson—Communist Party secretary for Western Pennsylvania. Former assistant national labor secretary for party. Expelled from Pitt in 1929 for radical activities.

Toma Babin—Former Yugoslav Embassy employee, recently deported. Close friend of Steve Nelson and George Wuchinich.

Nick Baltich—was secretary, Serbian-American Federation, subsidiary of the International Workers Order. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Fund solicitor for Slav publications here.

Arthur Bartl—Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress. Delegate to Progressive Party convention, 1948. On editorial staff, "Narodni Glasnik," Communist-line paper published in Croatian language.

Jack Begler—Connected with "Labor Press Committee" of Pittsburgh, which sponsors left-wing lectures.

John Bronich—National organizer for the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Fund raiser for left-wing Slav publications here.

Calvin Brook—Editor, "Ludove Notiny," Slovak-language Communist line paper. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, former correspondent for the Communist "Daily Worker." Former official International Workers Order.

Zarko Buncich—Serbian, nationality vice president, American Slav Congress, Ohio attorney.

Ben Careathers—District committeeman, Communist Party. Negro leader for party. Convicted of fraud, 1940 Communist petition scandal.

Anthony Cipicic—Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention.

Emmett Patrick Cush—Long-time Communist leader and district committeeman for party. Official of "Labor Press Committee" for Western Pennsylvania.

Anna Devunich—National secretary, Federation of Croatian-American Women. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Delegate to pro-Communist International Congress of Women, Budapest, Hungary, 1948.

Steve Devunich—Husband of Anna. Leader in Croatian Fraternal Union.

Jim (James H.) Dolsen—District committeeman, Communist Party. Correspondent "Daily Worker."

Mike Dudash—Leader in Slovak Workers Society, IWO. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress.

Leo Fisher—Previously identified by House Un-American Activities Committee as an editor, "Narodni Glasnik." Left-wing leader in Croatian circles. Manager, American Progressive Printing Co., which prints Communist-line Slav-language newspapers.

Tom Fitzpatrick—Chief steward, UE Local 601. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee and head of Pennsylvania dele-

gation to 1948 Wallace convention. Identified as Commie organizer in UE.

Abe Franks—former director, Pittsburgh chapter, Progressive Citizens of America.

Nancy Franks—his wife.

Boleslaw Gebert—former official, American Slav Congress, since returned to Poland.

Joe Godfrey—former district secretary, Communist Party.

Bill Gordon—Steel industry organizer for the Communist Party.

Abner Green—national official for American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-Born.

Dave Grant—former secretary, Communist Party of Pittsburgh. Now secretary, Communist Party of East Pittsburgh, and chairman Communist Veterans Committee here.

Michael Hanuslak—Official, International Workers Order, Uxm and Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union. Formerly identified by House Committee as Youth organizer for Communist Party in Pittsburgh district.

Marion Hathaway—Professor of Public Welfare, Pitt School of Social Work. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Member, National Wallace-for-President Committee. Sponsor, Pittsburgh Committee of Welcome for "Red Dean" of Canterbury. Delegate and speaker at 1948 Wallace convention.

Roy Hudson—former district chairman, Communist Party.

Andrea Hudson—his wife, active in Communist affairs.

Max Jenkins—Leader in Jewish Peoples' Fraternal Order, IWO.

Bobby Jones—Regional organizer for Young Progressives of Pennsylvania. Former chairman University of Pittsburgh Young Progressives.

Pete Karpa—Organizer, Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

Daniel Kasustchik—Russian nationality vice president, American Slav Congress. Communist Party cardholder.

Elmer Kish—Organizer, Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania. Leader in Progressive Party.

Gabor Kish—Western Pennsylvania organizer for Communist Party, Washington County chairman. Alias George Kane.

Paul Kluvo—Active in left-wing Polish circles.

Lee Kogan—Identified as member of Thomas Paine Professional Club of Communist Party here.

Helen Kompus—Identified as member of H. J. Heinz Club of Communist Party.

Steve Krall—Former National financial secretary, American Slav Congress.

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Martin Krasich — Supreme treasurer, Croatian Fraternal Union. Former national treasurer, American Slav Congress. Assistant secretary, National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.

Eddie Lang — Identified as member of H. J. Heinz Club, Communist Party.

Anne Lipkind — Delegate to 1948 Wallace convention. "Was with the National Maritime Union for a while."

Joe Mankin — Identified as the man who "runs" the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Communist Party here. Also listed as member of H. J. Heinz Club of the party.

Milo Mamula — Identified as the man in charge of Communist Party work in the Civil Rights

Congress. Former assistant manager of the Arlington Heights Housing project. Secretary of Serbian-Americans for Wallace.

the Croatian Home of Pittsburgh, listed as owner of the American Progressive Printing Co., which publishes Slav Committee-line papers.

William G., E. R. and George Matta, owners of Radio Station, WLOA, Braddock, which carried programs of organizations allied with the Communist Party line.

Joseph Migalich — Leader in Yugoslav Circles. Identified as member of the East End Club of the Communist Party.

Steve Mirkovich — Director of the American Slav Printing Assn.

Paul Morrison — Identified as a chemist who joined the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party.

Charles Muzil — National financial secretary, American Slav Congress.

Charles Newell — International representative for United Electrical Workers. Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention. Identified as Communist organizer in the UE.

George Nichols — Employment manager, Local 237, Hotel & Restaurant Employees Alliance. Active in Civil Rights Congress. Identified as member of the H. J. Heinz Club of Communist Party.

Eddie Nixon — Identified as Commie organized in youth circles here.

Andy Novak — One of two who signed Matt Cvetic's application for membership in the Communist Party.

Stanley J. Novak — National secretary, American Slav Congress. State Senator in Michigan.

Andy Onda — Steel organizer for the Communist Party.

Harold (Sonny) Orzik — "Sent to Western Pennsylvania by the National Committee of the Communist Party to do Youth work." Chairman of the Labor Youth Committee in Pittsburgh.

Steve Paich — Identified as organizer for Communist Party in Washington County.

Sam Reed — Identified as a Communist organizer recently transferred to Erie to cover General Electric Corp. plant.

Betha Roth — Identified as member of East End Club of Communist Party.

John Rusin — Helps edit Committee-line language papers at 1915 East St. North Side.

Steve Rosner — International representative for United Electrical Workers. Former editor of district UE paper. Identified as member of Communist Party.

Joseph Rudiak — President, Western Pennsylvania American Slav Congress. Former international representative, CIO United Railroad Workers. Delegate to Wallace convention. Identified as Communist Party member.

Eleanor Sackter — Identified as member of the East End Club of the Communist Party. Formerly listed by House Committee as a Commie leader in Lawrenceville.

Anthony Salopek — Co-chairman Western Pennsylvania Steelworkers for Wallace Committee. Identified as Commie organizer for steel plants in Duquesne area.

Jack Sartisky — International representative for United Electrical Workers. Identified as Communist organizer for North Side.

Mike Saunders — Identified as member of Communist Party.

Hymen Schlesinger — Member, Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh. Identified as a member of the Communist Party. Attorney for United Electrical Workers.

Joseph (Sonny) Robinson — Co-Chairman National Steelworkers for Wallace Committee. Ousted from United Steelworkers Local

1276 on grounds of defaming union by lending support to Communist organizations.

Alice Roth — Treasurer of Progressive Party in 33rd Congressional district. Identified as Communist organizer in the UE.

Miriam Schultz — Active in Civil Rights Congress.

Victor Sharenkoff — Bulgarian nationality vice president, American Slav Congress.

Barbara Shore — Identified as a member, Communist Party.

Jack Shore — Identified as a member of the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party here.

Dorothy Sloan — Identified as a member of the East End Club of the Communist Party.

Alex Staber — Identified as the Communist organizer for the South Side plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. until his recent transfer to Communist work in the UE.

Mike Stanovich — District committeeman, Communist Party, and organizer for the Allegheny Valley (New Kensington) area. Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention.

Boris Steinberg — Listed as a member of the Communist Party. Has appeared in Communist picketing demonstrations here.

M. Y. Steinberg — Identified as a member of the Communist Party. Pittsburgh attorney, frequently appears in cases involving left-wing defendants. Attorney for Progressive Party.

Steve Straka — Identified as Commie organizer, Washington County.

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House Probers Told Of Party 'Work' In Steel Mills

By WILLIAM THEIS
International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

—An undercover FBI agent who joined the Communist Party named today fellow party members with whom he was assigned to "carry out Communist Party strategy" in the Pittsburgh area.

Matthew Cvetic, 41, a Pittsburgh insurance salesman, testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that his "contacts" with Communist party officials reached to New York, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and Johnstown, Pa.

Cvetic, testifying in public for the first time, recounted that he was asked to become a secret government operative in 1941 when he was working for the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh. He rose to become a state and national Communist Party officer.

'RECRUITED'

Cvetic said he first was "recruited" into the Communist Party at a meeting in February, 1943, at Pittsburgh's Fifth Ave. High School. He said:

"From that time on I worked in an undercover capacity—until the present."

Cvetic said he was first assigned by the Reds to the "Tom Paine Professional Branch" of the party in Pittsburgh, later transferring from one neighborhood cell to another. These included, he said, the "North Side Club," the East End Club and the Lawrenceville Club.

The "willing witness" said he helped organize a Red cell in the Crucible Steel Co. plant at Thirtieth St., Pittsburgh, and built this until to a total of 22 members in 1945 and 1946.

Cvetic named Sidney Horwitz, then a senior interviewer at the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh, as one of the first Communist Party members he discovered after beginning his undercover work.

WOMEN NAMED

Others he named were Elizabeth G. Flynn, who he said "recruited me into the Communist Party," and Andy Novak, who he said "signed my application."

Also named as Reds by Cvetic were Dorothy Sloan, Dolly Gainer, who he said now is married to Pete Karpa, "also a member of the Communist Party" and living in Washington County, Pa.

Organizer of the "professional branch," said Cvetic, was Lee Kogan, whom he also identified as organizer for the United Elec-

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trical Workers Union in Pittsburgh.

Cvetic named Steve Dedijer as a Communist Party member and said Dedijer now is "with the Yugoslav delegation at the United Nations."

SLAV CONGRESS—

From a position of branch organizer in the Lawrenceville branch of the Communist Party, Cvetic said he was assigned by Max Weiss, district Communist organizer, to "become active in the American Slav Congress."

He said he became a member of the executive board of the Slav Congress in Pittsburgh, later a member of the nationality committee of the Congress.

Asked by Chief Counsel Frank Tavenner if he had contacts in other areas while he served as

chairman of the Communist Party's "Cloveanian Commission" the witness replied: . . .

"Yes—I had Communist Party contacts in New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and Johnstown."

Martin Harrison, he said, was a fellow party member who worked for Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. during Cvetic's work in the Lawrenceville club. Others included, he said, Louis Filletich and John Jenca.

NORTH SIDE CLUB—

Cvetic testified that another in the North Side club, Joe Mankin, was "responsible for Communist Party concentration in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union."

Cvetic kept the secret of his government role through the war years when members of his family were pleading with him to break off his Communist associations.

Counsel for the committee said that Cvetic, under closed-door questioning since Saturday, is ready to testify publicly and:

Estimate the number of Communist Party members in the Pittsburgh industrial area, where many defense-vital plants are concentrated.

ACTIVITY HERE—

Give a detailed account of what was described as Cvetic's "broad and varied" activities in the Communist Party, including his association with Steve Nelson, Communist party organizer in Western Pennsylvania.

"Name names" of others involved in the Communist Party network in which he became first a state and finally a national official.

Tavenner indicated the sensational story told privately by Cvetic touches not only on regional Red activities but also on links with national headquarters.

Nelson has appeared at both public and closed hearings of the House spy investigators but refused to testify on the ground of self-incrimination.

NELSON ACCUSED—

The committee has charged that Nelson was a "Communist espionage agent" who in March 1943 received important atomic data from Joseph W. Weinberg, a research physicist then employed at the University of California's radiation laboratory.

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UNDERCOVER WAR ON SPIES

It is the old story of fighting fire with fire.

And there has been no more dramatic example of the wisdom of that policy than the story of Matt Cvetic (pronounced Sa-VET-ick).

For nine years, Mr. Cvetic posed as a Communist. He carried out his pose so well that he became one of the "leaders" of the local Communist organization. He was an insider among the insiders.

He went so far with his disguise that when the Commies were hunting the "stoolpigeon" in their midst, he took a hand in the hunt, although he actually was the man they were trying to smoke out.

Mr. Cvetic, in fulfilling his mission, went to the extreme of deceiving even his family. He had no personal friends, outside the pseudo-friends in Communist circles. He could not live a normal life. He took long chances with his personal safety—and certainly with his personal reputation.

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Now that he is in a position to take off the mask and reveal the truth about himself, now that his work can be turned to fruitful results, he can assume some of the proportions of a hero.

But it must have been a long nine years. It must be wearing to forever live under the necessity of deliberating over every move, every word, every association, every personal habit.

But the Cvetic story is an example of an unlimited amount of similar work which is going on in this country—work made necessary by the subversive activities of altogether too many treasonable citizens, plus the spying invasion of countless foreigners loosely permitted to roam the country.

It is evidence that one branch of the Government, at least, has not been asleep.

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The dramatic story of Mr. Cvetic again demonstrates the scope of the subversive campaign being waged by Russian sympathizers in the U. S.

It shows, as much as any story yet revealed, the compactness of their organization, the discipline it exacts and the wide range of activities by which they seek to disrupt, confuse, belittle and sabotage American life.

It is a story to wake up Americans.

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Undercover Man Tells About Red Activity in Area

Leaders in Infiltration Groups
And Nationality Units Are Listed
By FBI Agent Who Joined Party

By INGRID JEWELL
Post-Gazette Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—Western Pennsylvania is a lush pasture for Communists, the Un-American Activities Committee of the House was told here today.

Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh insurance man who joined the Communist party in 1943 in order to work as undercover man for the FBI, testified all day and will continue his story tomorrow.

He was assigned to the Professional Club of the Communist Party first, he said, later was promoted to the Nationality Commission, first on the local level and later on the national level.

This commission was the party's tool for infiltrating fraternal, social and labor organizations where pronounced nationality groups existed. Speaking Croatian, Slovenian and Serbian fluently, Mr. Cvetic said he was assigned to work among Slovaks of Western Pennsylvania.

Red "Fronts" Listed

He listed these organizations in Western Pennsylvania as definitely Communist "fronts": Labor Press Committee, American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born; the International Workers Order; Civil Rights Congress; Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania; Croatian Council; Serbian Congress and Languages Presses which operate out of 1916 East Street in Pittsburgh.

Formerly front organizations, but now dissolved, were the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the United Committee for South Slavic Americans.

Leaders in the labor press group, which solicits funds for the Communist Daily Worker, all of whom he said he knew to be Communists, he listed as follows: Ben Careathers, Emmett Patrick Cush and Tom Fitzpatrick of the United Electrical Workers.

Persons he said he knows to be party members among leaders of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born are Mary Borich and Mane Susnjak. The function of the organization is to raise money to defend deportation cases brought against foreign-born Communists.

Raised Money for Eisler

This group raised money for Gerhard Eisler and is currently helping Frank Borich. Cvetic said M. Y. Steinberg, Pittsburgh attorney, serves as counsel for this group. He listed him as a party member.

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Cyetic Gives Names-- Of Local Communists To House Committee

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Of Work of Party, How He Helped
To Form Cells and District Clubs

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Leaders in the International Workers Order who he said are Communists are: Nick Baltich, Steve Mirkovich and John Zuskar.

The Civil Rights Congress he said he helped found at a meeting in the office of Hymen Schlesinger. Leaders in the organization are Milo Mamula who operates a travel agency at 943 Liberty Avenue; Theresa Turner, wife of Andy Onda who is "in charge of steel concentration for the party in Western Pennsylvania"; Miriam Schultz, Tom Quinn of the UE, Steinberg and Careathers.

Other Nationality Leaders

He listed these persons, all of whom he said are party members, as leaders in these nationality sections of the nationality commission:

CROATIAN, Anthony Minerich, Frank Borich, Arthur Bartl, Steven Mirkovich, Leo Fisher, Mary Sumrak and Steve Devunich.

SERBIAN, George Wuchinich of the McKees Rocks branch of the party, secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania; Mane Susnjar and Nick Baltich.

SLOVAK, Calvin Brook, John Rusin and John Zuskar.

UKRAINIAN, Michael Hanusiak.

JEWISH, Max Jenkins and Abe Strauss.

There are also groupings he said according to race, for Negroes, and according to industry.

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Nelson Listed as Kingpin

Mr. Cvetic listed ~~Steve Nelson~~ as the kingpin Communist of Western Pennsylvania, and the real director of all these activities.

He mentioned the names of Louis Adamic and Zlatko Balokovich, the violinist, as "knowingly working with Communists" in activities of the United Committee for South Slavic Americans. He did not list them as Communists.

He recalled a meeting at the Hotel Lincoln in New York, June 21, 1947, called by Steve Nelson, at which Slavko Zore and Pero Dragila, both then attached to the Yugoslav Embassy, addressed the meeting, and urged that the United Committee for South Slavic Americans must be kept going at all costs. Zore was quoted as saying Communists cannot be Americans or Yugoslavs, but must be first of all party members.

Cvetic listed the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania as dominated by the Communist party since the national convention of the Congress in Pittsburgh in 1944. He said the Communists planned every detail of that convention, even to the resolutions which would be

adopted. He added that there are many members who are not Communists, and probably do not know of the party control.

Son Sits With Cvetic

Cvetic's son, Seaman Second Class Richard Cvetic, a music student at the Anacostia Naval Base here, sat beside his father most of the day.

Cvetic said he did a great deal of traveling for the party during his years of membership, but never received a penny of reimbursement. The Slav Congress paid some of the costs, but he paid most of them himself. He worked for the FBI on a voluntary basis he indicated.

Cvetic said Joe Rudiak, now chairman of the American Slav Congress, is a party member. Pittsburgh's high schools and libraries in the past have permitted Communists to hold meetings in their auditoriums.

He said George Deitze, who formerly ran a music studio at 440 Wood Street, let the nationality commission meet there. That building has been torn down, he said, and Mr. Deitze is now operating an engraving shop at 943 Liberty Avenue, where Communists are still welcome. He said Mr. Deitze is a party member.

Membership Cards Destroyed

Cvetic said that before 1948 it was customary for party members to carry cards. But in that year "for security reasons" the cards were collected and destroyed.

The Professional Club of Communists in Downtown Pittsburgh is called the "Tom Paine Club," he reported. He belonged to this for a while, then was assigned in turn to the Northside Club, the East End Club and the Lawrenceville Club. Depending on the sort of neighborhood, the activities of the clubs may include infiltration into fraternal organizations, into labor unions, or mere fund raising in residential sections.

He said no one "elects" his part in Communist activity. Everything is assigned from above. Max Weiss was his first boss in Pittsburgh, he said. Among other Communist leaders he listed Avrom Landy, in charge of nationality work at the national level; Lee Kogan, former UE organizer, and Martin Harrison, an employee of Carnegie-Illinois Corporation's Etna plant.

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Wallace Sought Communist Aid

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PITTSBURGH 'CHIEF TARGET' IN REDS' DRIVE ON UNIONS

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Wallace Asked Votes Of Reds, Says Cvetic

By WILLIAM THEIS

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House Un-American Activities Committee was told today that Henry Wallace conferred with two well known Pittsburgh Communists in 1947 to seek votes for his Progressive Party.

The testimony was given by former FBI undercover agent Matthew Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who declared the Communist Party has approximately 550 members in Western Pennsylvania—all of them Progressive Party members.

Cvetic, who joined the Communist Party in 1943, told the House Committee that he and another well-known Communist Party member met with Wallace and C. B. "Beany" Baldwin, Wallace's campaign manager, in a Pittsburgh hotel on Nov. 11, 1947.

He said they were questioned "at length" by Wallace and Baldwin as to "how many Slav votes we can deliver" for the Progressive Party in that area.

Cong. Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylvania, asked if it was fair to

"assume" that the two Progressive Party leaders knew he and his companion were Communist Party members.

Cvetic replied:

"I'm assuming they are men of intelligence and knew it."

(On that occasion, Wallace was here for a speech at Syria Mosque in which he urged a friendlier approach to the Russian problem.

(A year later, Wallace was here again for a speech at The Gardens during his unsuccessful campaign for the White House. Three eggs fell at his feet from a ventilator while he was speaking.)

The witness, in his second day of testimony on his nine-year role as a government agent, recalled that in the fall of 1946 William Z. Foster, Communist Party head, came to Pittsburgh and outlined the need for a new "People's Party."

He said the Communists in Western Pennsylvania set up a "political commission" to infiltrate the Progressive Party.

Cvetic said there were 4000 Progressive Party votes in that area in the last election.

Walter asked if Communists all were members of the Progressive Party.

Cvetic replied:

"Yes, all members of the Progressive Party."

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'Infiltrate Mines, Mills,' Party Told

By WILLIAM THEIS

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Western Pennsylvania is the chief target for the Communist Party in the United States, a Congressional committee was told today.

The testimony was given by a Pittsburgher, Matthew Cvetic, 41, who joined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI to ferret out its secrets.

The Communists, according to Cvetic, believe that they must infiltrate the Pittsburgh district's mines, mills and shops to overthrow the government.

To that end, he added, they have been concentrating their activity in the Pittsburgh area since 1945—although their success has been minor.

He said that progress reports he has read listed the U. S. Steel plants at Homestead, Braddock, Duquesne and McKeesport, the Crucible Steel Co. in Lawrenceville and the Jones & Laughlin plants on the South Side and Hazelwood as major targets.

NELSON'S GOAL—

Cvetic declared that Steve Nelson and Andy Onda were sent to Pittsburgh specifically to direct the infiltration drive. He related that Harry Winston, one of the 11 Communist leaders convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. government, told a party group:

"We must build a party in U. S. Steel. We must carry our program to the workers in the steel mills, the mines and the shops."

Cvetic said that Hyman Schlesinger, a Pittsburgh attorney whom he identified as a Communist, once commented:

"I don't see how we can have a revolution in this country unless we have a strong party in the steel industry."



AP Photo.

HENRY WALLACE . . . speaking here in 1948

. . . Note the broken eggs at his feet . . .

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DRIVE IN UNION—

The witness said that efforts to recruit party members in the steel industry have "not been too successful."

The party, he testified, instructed "eight or ten" of its members to infiltrate the local union of 2800 members at the Crucible Steel Co.'s Lawrenceville plant.

This Communist handful, he added, succeeded in "capturing" the union and guiding its actions.

Cvetic testified the two Pittsburgh Communist Party members who refused to tell the Un-American Activities Committee under oath whether they were party members had received legal advice from Schlessinger and M. Y. Steinberg.

REFUSE ANSWER—

Cvetic said both attorneys attended at least one meeting in Pittsburgh considering the legal strategy for Nelson, Leo Fisher and Frank Bbrich—three summoned by the House Committee. Cvetic said:

"After discussion the decision was reached that in answer to the question 'Are you a member of the Communist Party' they should refuse to answer on the ground that it violated the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution."

Committee Council Frank Tavenner noted that in addition both Tom Fitzpatrick and Tom Quinn, who Cvetic identified as Communists in the United Electrical Workers had refused to answer questions for the committee.

Cvetic said Fitzpatrick "always was looked on as the leading member" of the Communist Party active in the UE "cell."

Other Communist party members assigned to the UE union he listed as Sam Reed, assigned to the General Electric plant at Erie, Pa.; Dave Grant, East Pittsburgh; Jack Sartisky, North

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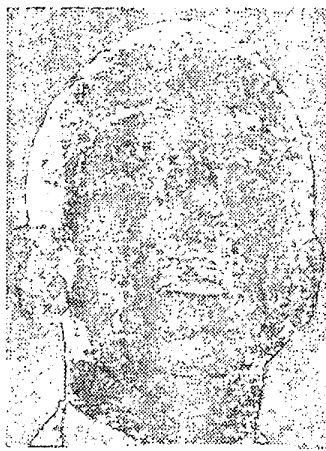
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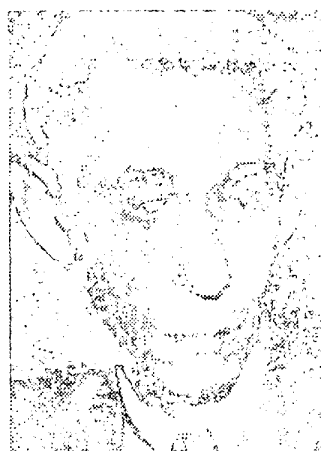
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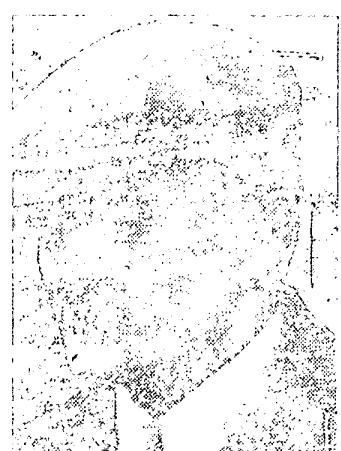
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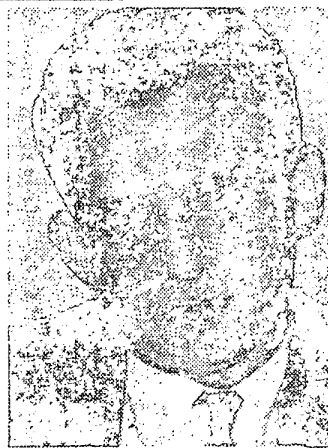
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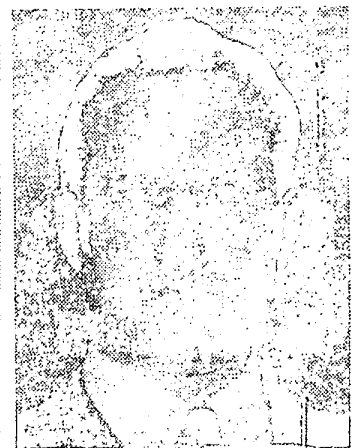
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. . . these Pittsburgh district persons are among the more than 100 named by Matt Cvetic, former FBI man who masq

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Pat Fagan Fooled By Cvetic

Matt Cvetic, Communist Party member and undercover FBI agent, fooled officials of the U. S. Employment Bureau for more than three years—at least as far as his FBI role was concerned.

Patrick T. Fagan, former area supervisor for that bureau, and now a city councilman, said Cvetic worked under his supervision as a senior interviewer from 1942 until 1945 when he resigned. He added:

"I did not know he worked for the FBI. I knew him as an alleged Communist. I thought he really was a Communist."

Fagan said he once gave Cvetic a verbal shellacking for his Communistic activities and lack of loyalty during the war. Fagan said:

"I called him into my office and gave him the dressing down when he refused to buy war bonds. I told him other young men were bleeding and dying for our way of life and the least he could do was to buy bonds."

Fagan said he refused Cvetic's request to call at his home to discuss the matter. He said:

"I told him the office was big enough in which to discuss anything we had to talk about."

Fagan said Cvetic tried to explain his actions to his assistant, S. Chapman Wright. Cvetic told Wright:

"Some day you will be able to understand what I am doing."

Fagan said he was also aware Cvetic played ball with left-wingers.

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Pittsburgh Chief Target of Reds

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Side; Steve Rosner, international representative of UE; Leo Turner, organizer of District N, UE, and Charles Newell, international representative, District 6, UE.

In steel he named Alex Stabor as a former Communist Party organizer assigned to the Jones & Laughlin Steel plant; Elmer Kish, "still a Communist Party organizer" at the Homestead plant of U. S. Steel, and Tony Salopek, party organizer at the Duquesne plant of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co.

In coal, he said the Communists have assigned Gabe Kish, alias George Kane, as organizer in the "coal mining concentration." He said the party is "most active" in Washington County, the Allegheny Valley and the Johnstown area.

FOUGHT BY UMW—

Cvetic named Mike Stanovich, as Allegheny Valley organizer, and Steve Paich and Steve Straka as Washington County organizers. But, he said:

"The United Mine Workers resent very much the Communist Party. John L. Lewis and the union know what the Communist Party is up to."

Cvetic named Joseph Mankin, Nick Lazaris, George Nichols and Eddie Lang as among the Communist Party members active in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers in Pittsburgh. He said the party has a cell in "major hotels" and that this unit is "responsible for 'infiltrating the Heinz plant' in Pittsburgh.

Cvetic warned that the Communists in the last eight months have "made definite progress" in its youth movement through a Communist-controlled front

organization—the Labor Youth League.

He named Harold Orzick as leader of the league and other influential members as Bobby Jones, Evelyn Abelson and Eddie Nixon.

Cong. Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylvania suggested that Orzick and the other youth leaders should be subpoenaed by the committee.

Before the session adjourned until tomorrow, Cvetic named the "top-level hierarchy" of Communist leadership in Western Pennsylvania serving under Nelson. He listed:

Andrew Onda, steel organizer; Albertson, district secretary, Ben Careathers, Negro activities; Leo Fisher; Dave Grant, organizer at Westinghouse; Sam Reed, General Electric organizer at Erie, Pa.; Bill Gordon, Joseph Manken, Orzick and Alex Wright, Progressive Party leaders; Milo Mamula of the Civil Rights Congress, and George Wuchinich of the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party.

Cvetic pulled the zipper on the entire Communist Party apparatus in Pennsylvania and identified more than 100 names as Red comrades.

Before Cvetic concludes his saga of how he counter-infiltrated into top official posts of the Communist Party, he is expected to record before the House Committee on Un-American Activities the names of 18 individuals in the Pittsburgh area as active Communists.

His testimony regarding "Who's Who in Communism" in Pennsylvania included the following:

In edicting that the American Slav Congress should be the Communist Party's top organi-

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zation in the United States, Nelson assigned Leo Fisher, Daisy Lolich and Cvetic to be responsible for the work of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans in Pittsburgh.

MEETING PLACES—

Leo Badch and Harry Justiz were to assume that committee's responsibility in New York.

The Pittsburgh branch of the C. P.'s nationality commission during 1944 and 1945, met regularly in the offices of the International Workers Order, located then in the Columbia Bank Building.

The commission also met in the offices of the Language Press at 1816 East St. and also met at 440 Wood St., third floor, that building later being torn down.

Recently the commission has been meeting at 943 Liberty Ave. and Ukranian Hall, South Side, Pittsburgh.

When the meetings were held at 440 Wood St., George Dietze, who was and is a member of the Communist Party, had a music store at that address and the third floor was used by the Communist Party in Pittsburgh for party meetings.

George Dietze now operates an engraving shop in the second floor of 943 Liberty Ave. part of this building is used as a travel bureau and the back part of his shop on the second floor is used as a meeting place for the Communist Party.

GROUP SET UP—

The Pittsburgh Nationality Commission has not met since the latter part of October, 1949, because Steve Nelson, its chairman, has been laid up with a broken leg.

The last meeting Cvetic attended was at 1916 East St., office of the Communist Language Press, called to set up an American-Yugoslav defense committee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The meeting was attended by Nelson, Mane Susanjar, Leo Fisher, Tony Minerich, Calvin Brook and Cvetic.

Nationality Commission met regularly in 1944 in the two offices in the Columbia Bank Bldg. and offices of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Bldg. to plan the national convention of the American Slav Congress scheduled for September in Pittsburgh.

Avrom Landy, in charge of the Nationality Commission for the Communist Party, visited Pittsburgh to help.

OTHER AIDES—

Other Communist Party members who helped plan the work for this convention and who were specifically assigned to this task by the Communist Party included:

Mary Fridhoff Pirinsky, who at that time was the wife of George Pirinsky; Helen Vrabel, who is in New York and is the wife of Mike Saunders; Mike Hanusiak; Anthony Minerich; Calvin Brook; Mane Susanjar; Pete Vukceovich; Millo Marula; Agnes Vukceovich, wife of Pete; George Pirinsky, and Cvetic. The Communist Party also assigned Pauline Roth to help Mary

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Pirinsky set up the technical work for the convention.

At one of the caucuses held by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party in Cleveland prior to the 1944 convention of the American Slav Congress the Communist Party members attending included Daniel Kasustchik and Victor Sharenkoff.

N. Y. MEETING

A meeting of the commission at the New York office of the International Workers Order in 1948 was called by Arnold Johnson, then head of the C.P.'s Nationality Commission.

This meeting was attended by Abner Green, Israel Amter, Sam Milgram and others.

After Max Weiss left, Roy Hudson became C.P. district organizer in Western Pennsylvania and automatically head of the local Nationality Commission. In 1948, Nelson replaced Hudson as district organizer and chairman of the Nationality Commission for Western Pennsylvania.

Cvetic listed the following among those he had met as members of the commission:

Croatian section: Anthony Minerich, Frank Borich, Arthur Bartl, Steve Mirkovich, Frank Tradej, Leo Fisher, Mary Sumrak, Anna Devunich and Steve Devunich.

Servian section: Milo Mamula, George Wuchinich, Mane Susnjak, Charles Vuick, Drago Kosich and Nick Baltich.

Slovak section: Calvin Brook, John Rusin and John Zuskar.

Ukranian section: Mike Hanuslak.

Jewish section: Max Jenkins, Abe Strauss and Jack Begler.

Polish section: Joe Rudlak and Paul Kluvo.

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Asked by Committee Counsel Tavenner to check photographs of those elected to office in the 1944 American Slav Congress, Cvetic named the Communist Party members "proposed and elected" as follows:

Zarko Buncich, Smeale Voydanoff, George Pirinsky, Michael Tkach, Daniel Kasustchik and Boleslaw Gebert.

Cvetic added:

"In addition to these Communist Party members we also supported Leo Krzycki, George Buban and Joseph Martinek. In regard to the latter three I don't know whether or not they are members of the Communist Party."

Tavenner asked:

"Who were the party members from the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party who carried out the Communist Party dictates with reference to the policies to be adopted by the American Slav Congress?"

Cvetic said:

"George Pirinsky, Steve Krall, Charles Nuzil, Harry Justiz and Leo Balcich. These are all Communist Party members, because I have attended Nationality Commission meetings of the Communist Party with them."

Cvetic supplied eyewitness evidence as to why he knew George Wuchinich and Boleslaw Gebert as members of the Communist Party.

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Reds Spur Coal Strike, Says Cvetic

Plan Told For War On U. S.

Hatred for Cvetic stems from mouth of Steve Nelson as he tells how Communist Party guards carefully the names of members—See Page 2.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

—The Communists are trying to prolong the coal strike by inciting the miners, the House Un-American Activities Committee was told today.

This assertion was made by Matthew Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who posed as a Communist for nine years to gather secret information for the FBI.

Two weeks ago, Cvetic testified, he was told by a Communist organizer, Bill Gordon, that 50 Communist "youth leaders" had been sent to the coal fields.

FOOD 'AS BAIT'—

Cvetic said they distributed food "as bait" while passing around copies of the Daily Worker, Communist newspaper.

Cvetic said he knows of no actual Communist activity toward actual stoppage of coal production. He said he does know Communists are trying to carry the party line into the coal fields but "they have not made much progress getting into positions of control in the United Mine Workers."

He said Gordon told him the 50 imported youth leaders are members of the Labor Youth League, which, Cvetic said, was created and controlled by the Communist Party.

WAR ON U. S.—

Cvetic also testified that:

Under the teachings of the Communist Party he understood that in event of war with Russia, it would be his job to "wage war against my own government to the point of revolution and to overthrow it." He said every Communist gets the same teachings.

Radio Station WLOA at Braddock, Pa. has been used to broadcast scripts prepared by Communist leaders. He said so far as he knows the people in charge of the station are not Reds.

Communist Leader Steve Nelson, the party organizer for

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U. S. Called 'Enemy'

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Western Pennsylvania, constantly referred to the United States as "the enemy."

Cvetic said the Communists are very careful now about their use of the words "force and violence."

But he said that Earl Browder, then head of the party in the U. S., was "ousted by the Communist Party because he advocated a peaceful transition from Capitalism to Socialism." Cvetic said that at the 1945 Communist convention the party swung away from Browder's teachings "and went back to the theory of violent overthrow of the government."

Cvetic said he attended Communist classes at which the Soviet Union always was referred to as the people's democracy and the United States as an imperialist government or imperialist aggressor.

He said at a meeting early last year in the Jewish Cultural Center in Pittsburgh, Nelson read from the history of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union a section saying the Bolsheviks opposed "unjust wars, wars of conquest, waged to conquer and enslave foreign countries and foreign nations."

BROADCASTS

This "Bible on Theory and Practice," which Nelson quoted, Cvetic said, goes on to say that against such wars "the Bolsheviks maintained that a resolute struggle must be waged . . . to the point of revolution and the overthrow of one's own imperialist government."

Cvetic said that the language was clear to him. He said it meant to him and other Communists that they would support the Soviet Union and fight the American Government in event of war between the two nations.

Regarding Station WLOA, Cvetic told the committee that broadcasts were arranged under the name of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and were called "Keep America Free."

He said the master of cere-

monies was George Wuchinich of Pittsburgh, whom he has called one of the Communist leaders in Western Pennsylvania.

He said Wuchinich wrote the scripts and that the subjects, usually of a political nature, were discussed with Roy Hudson, former party organizer for Western Pennsylvania, and later with Nelson. He said the programs went on for 80 weeks and that he had brought the scripts along.

He testified that other programs were arranged by the Croatian Commission of the Communist Party with Arthur Bartl, in charge. He said there was a Ukrainian program run by Mike Hanusiak, a Polish program sponsored by the Gydnia-American Lines and featuring Paul Kluvo, and a Slovak broadcast put on by Calvin Brooks and Mike Dubash.

Cong. Francis Case, (Rep.) of South Dakota remarked that a copy of the testimony about the radio programs will be sent to the Federal Communications Commission "for attention."

The House committee has accused Nelson of being a wartime Red espionage agent on the west

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HYMAN SCHLESSINGER TOM FITZPATRICK
... they're on Cvetic's list of active Communists ...

coast, specializing in getting atomic secrets. He also has been identified as the top organizer of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

Cvetic said he never discussed atomic espionage with Nelson because he thought it was "the better part of discretion" not to ask questions on that point.

Last year, when it was apparent the Communists were going to take over China, Cvetic said Nelson told him:

"We are going to have the biggest liquidation of the people's enemies in China since the 1917 revolution."

'SUCKERS' HERE

He said there was some talk of building up trade with the United States on behalf of the Communist Government in China and Nelson had this to say on that:

"We should take all the help, money and machinery from the enemy, as this will hasten the day here. We should take all the help we can from the suckers over here."

Cvetic has listed scores of persons he says are active Commu-

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nists in Western Pennsylvania. And he has told the committee that exposure apparently is hurting some Communist fronts and activities.

Cvetic testified that last year in New York City, while he was having dinner with Communist Party Members Hyman Schlessinger, George Wuchinich and Milo Mamula, Schlessinger, a Pittsburgh attorney, said:

"While we have a strong Communist Party in New York City, I don't see how we can wage a successful revolution unless we build the party in Pittsburgh. It stands to reason that we must get control of the basic industries and the industrial workers before we can even think of a revolution."

This also was the keynote echoed at a meeting in August, 1948, of the Western Pennsylvania Communist Party District, attended by 110 leading Red comrades, according to Cvetic.

DISTRICT VITAL

Henry Winston of New York, a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, addressed this meeting, according to Cvetic, and said:

"The National Board recognizes the importance of Western Pennsylvania because the basic industries are located here—steel, mining and electrical. If we want to bring Socialism to the United States we must first build the party in these basic industries.

"The National Board considers this area so important in the national struggle that it is sending one of its best organizers here, Steve Nelson, to replace Roy Hudson.

"The National Board also is sending Steve Nelson here because United States Steel is located here and we must build the party in U. S. Steel and other steel plants in Western Pennsylvania.

"We must carry the program of the Communist Party to the workers in the steel mills, in the mines and in the shops."

ASSIGNMENTS

Jim Dusen, Daily Worker representative, reiterated this theme, according to Cvetic.

The meeting, accepting the recommendation of the National Board, appointed Andy Onda steel organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

Assignments in the steel concentration area, according to Cvetic, included:

Bill Gordon was moved to the North Side to work as section organizer, replacing John Widmar.

Helping Cvetic recruit 22 members in the Communist Party cell in the Crucible Steel Co., the witness said, were Dave Grant, city secretary of the Pittsburgh Communist Party; Eleanor Sachter and Mike Saunders.

The Communist Party was able to elect at least three members as top officials of the Steelworkers Union in the Crucible Steel plant.

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Cvetic Talked To Priest Here

One person in whom Matt Cvetic, alias Bob Stanton, confided was the Rev. Theophane Maguire of St. Paul's Monastery, it was learned today.

Father Maguire, who was in China for five years during the war and who wrote the best-seller "Human Harvest," said:

"I had a long talk with Cvetic about a month ago. At that time, I encouraged him to go ahead and tell his story because he would be helping his country and the American people."

The priest has been doing everything he can to encourage U. S. aid to stop Communism in China. He said:

"I'm really more alarmed now about Communism in this country than I am in China."

"The policy of brushing off the people here who are working for China aid can be carried on here as well. I'm afraid of this."

Schools Used By Communists

Dr. Earl A. Dimmick, superintendent of Pittsburgh schools, has confirmed testimony by Matt Cvetic that Communist Party meetings have been held in city schools.

One was held as recently as last Thursday, Dr. Dimmick said.

The superintendent explained it is the policy of the Board of Education not to discriminate against any recognized political party. The Communist Party was recognized because it appeared on the ballot, Dr. Dimmick added.

Wallace Party Hits At Cvetic

The Progressive Party here today adopted the Communist Party line of trying to smear Matt Cvetic, an undercover agent for the FBI, who has been exposing Communist activities before a Congressional committee.

The Progressives issued a statement in which they charged that Cvetic's activities were instigated by "un-democratic, union-busting forces in this country."

Cvetic told the committee that Communists in 1946 began laying the groundwork for a "people's party" and ultimately made the Progressive Party of Henry Wallace their political "front" group.

He testified that in late 1947 he and a fellow Pittsburgh Communist Party member, George Wuchinich, conferred with Wallace and "Beany" Baldwin (C. B. Baldwin, later Wallace's campaign manager) in a Pittsburgh hotel.

Cvetic said Wallace and Baldwin asked them how many votes they could "deliver" for the new, yet unformed Progressive Party as officials of the American Slav Congress.

The witness said he assumed the two Progressive Party leaders are "man of intelligence and knew" that he and Wuchinich were Communist Party members.

Wallace commented at his home in South Salem, N. Y.:

"I can say with absolute flatness I had no awareness whatsoever of meeting any Communist in Pittsburgh."

He added that he recalled meeting Wuchinich but that he neither had then, nor has now, any knowledge that Wuchinich was a Communist.

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'We Were Wise to Stool Pigeon' Cvetic Blasted by Nelson For Naming Reds in Unions

There were indications today that Matt Cvetic's testimony before a Congressional committee is hitting the Communist Party where it hurts the most.

In naming names of Communist organizers in industry, here, Cvetic is revealing the best guarded secret the Communists have, according to their local boss, Steve Nelson.

Cvetic, 41, a Pittsburgher, posed as a Communist for nine years at the request of the FBI for this very purpose. He has been telling what he learned.

Nelson, the Communist chairman for Western Pennsylvania, referred to Cvetic with vitriolic language yesterday when he was asked to comment on the latter's testimony.

'ONLY SECRET'

Nelson asserted:

"The only secret of the party is that we try to keep covered the names of persons who work in industry who would be persecuted if their employers learned their names."

Nelson, visibly perturbed, said that Cvetic, in one case, revealed the name of a party member who is also a CIO steelworker. He added:

"You can imagine what will happen to that man. We don't know what it will be, but his job is his bread and butter."

Nelson said Cvetic was a trusted party member until about six months ago. He would not say what caused the mistrust to arise. Nelson added:

"Certain things began to make an impression at that time."

The Red kingpin also admitted that he did not know that Cvetic had been living in Hotel William Penn. Cvetic, he said, was not on the party's payroll.

HOTEL MEETING

Nelson described a meeting with Cvetic on the hotel's third floor about four months ago. He said:

"During hunting season I met a friend on the third floor of the hotel. While we were talking Cvetic walked from one of the hall wings. I asked him what he was doing and he replied that he was visiting a friend for business purposes."

Cvetic, he said, was flustered and flushed. Nelson said he did not press for further explanation because it was not feasible at that time.

Nelson, asked if he would like to meet Cvetic, now, replied:

"Why I would not dignify that stool pigeon with as much as a glance."

Nelson said the expose did not come as a surprise. He added:

"We were wise to him. We would have acted on him soon. There was no reason to act with dispatch."

Nelson explained:

"We would have had a policy



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STEVE NELSON

... calls Cvetic 'stool pigeon'.

meeting and it would have been announced that he was a stool pigeon. We would have told the union men and people in progressive organizations to shun him.

"Whenever a rat is exposed by his stupidity or by our work, that strengthens our position.

"In the past, industry, such as steel and coal companies, financed stool pigeons. Now it is apparent the companies do not have to hire them anymore, they are subsidized by the government."

Nelson failed to explain why the Communist leaders gave Cvetic the job of destroying important records. They told him to take them out and burn them for fear they would fall into the hands of the FBI.

Cvetic gave the House Committee two bulging suitcases full of documented records.

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Revolution the Goal

Reds' Peace Drives Phony To Lull U. S., Cvetic Says

Pittsburgh Commies Ordered to Support Russia
In Event of War, Congressmen Told

"Wallace denies talking with Reds here," Page 10.

By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Matt Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee today that the "phony peace drives" of the Communist Party are organized only to disarm the U. S.

"They are organized for the sole purpose of disarming the majority of the American people in order to make it easier for them to bring Communism to America," he said.

The witness, who spent seven years in the Communist Party as an undercover man for the FBI, gave details of how the Pittsburgh Communists work to get unsuspecting Americans in the "peace" campaigns.

He testified on the peace aims

of the Communists after telling the Committee that Pittsburgh area Communists are under orders to support the Soviet Union in event of war between the U. S. and Russia.

He said he attended a meeting only recently at which William Albertson, district secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, gave "peace drive" instructions to two Communist members.

The members were Bill Gordon, a steel industry organizer for the party, and John Vidmar of West View, who works in the Communist "language press" at 1916 East St., North Side.

The two men had been assigned to contact several clergymen to induce them to join a "peace" organization.

"The people we contact, we do not have to tell our real aims and program," Albertson was quoted as telling the members.

Mr. Cvetic told the Committee
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Cvetic Bares Reds' Phony Peace Drives

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tee that the only interest of the Communist party in trade unions, church, veterans and other organizations is the single one of revolution—to aid the overthrow of the U. S. Government.

Testifying for the third consecutive day, Mr. Cvetic was asked about earlier statements to the Un-American Activities Committee concerning the Communist "teachings" of Pittsburgh Communist Boss Steve Nelson.

The witness already has told a closed session of the spy hunters that Nelson left no doubt in the minds of the Western Pennsylvania Commies as to where their loyalties should rest in the event of armed conflict with the USSR.

Communist Line for War

This was done, according to Mr. Cvetic, in a Communist meeting which took place in Pittsburgh less than a year ago. He said Nelson developed the party line for war in two steps.

The first involved constant repetition of the theme that Russia is a people's democracy and that the U. S. is an "imperial aggressor."

The second was to quote passages from "The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union"—the Communist bible of theory and practice, which said:

"It was not to every kind of war that the Bolsheviks were opposed. They were only opposed to wars of conquest and imperialistic war."

Reds' Idea of a Just War

Mr. Cvetic said Nelson quoted the Communist guidebook definition of a "just war" as follows:

"Just wars are wars that were not wars of conquest, but wars of liberation waged to defend the people from foreign attack and from attempts to enslave them, or to liberate the people from capitalistic slavery, or, lastly, to liberate colonies and defend countries from the yoke of imperialism."

In addition, Mr. Cvetic was questioned on measures taken by the Western Pennsylvania Communists to engage in the "cold" war and to prepare for a possible "hot" war.

This phase of the investigation touched on espionage in the Pittsburgh area for the first time since Mr. Cvetic revealed his true role in the Communist party and began unmasking the Commie apparatus.

It detailed at least one experience the witness had with party members who sought information on the Pittsburgh war industries, presumably for transmission to the Russians.

Chinese Liquidation

Still another phase of today's hearing dealt with the American Reds' attitude toward Communist China, and Russian possession of the atomic bomb.

Mr. Cvetic has told the committee that Nelson once told him the Communist victory in China would bring "the biggest liquidation of people's enemies in China since the 1917 revolution."

He also said Nelson expressed the opinion that the Chinese should take as much money, machinery and material as they could get from the U. S. "as this will hasten the day here, and we should take all the help from the suckers that we can."

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Wallace Denies Talking with Reds Here

Statement Replies To Cvetic's Charge

SALEM, N. Y., Feb. 23 (UP)—Henry A. Wallace denied today that he had met personally with any known Communists in Western Pennsylvania during the 1948 presidential campaign or that he had solicited Communist support.

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, told the committee that Mr. Wallace and his campaign manager, C. B. Baldwin, met him in a Pittsburgh hotel on Nov. 11, 1947, and asked how many votes the American Slav Congress could deliver to the Progressive Party.

When committee members asked if Mr. Wallace and Mr. Baldwin were "aware that you were a Communist," Mr. Cvetic replied:

"I assume they were. They are both intelligent men."

The only other person present at the meeting, Mr. Cvetic said, was George Wuchinich, a Communist leader.

Advised of Mr. Cvetic's statements, Mr. Wallace said:

"I never had a personal conference with anybody in Western Pennsylvania in 1947 knowing they were Communists."

Braddock Station Shut Reds Off

William G. Matta, manager of Radio Station WLOA, Braddock, said today that radio programs of Communist-front organizations were barred from the station some time ago because they were of a "highly controversial character."

Mr. Matta and two members of his family, E. R. and George Matta, were mentioned in testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee Tuesday as owners of Station WLOA.

"The names of William G., E. R. and George Matta came up when the Committee asked Mr. Cvetic if they had any Communist connections. Mr. Cvetic answered 'I have absolutely no information connecting any of the Mattas with Communist activity.'"

"Neither I nor any member of our family is now or ever has been affiliated with the Communist Party," Mr. Matta added.

Alexander Wright, regional director of the Progressive Party, was one of those identified by Mr. Cvetic as being active in Communist-front activities. Mr. Wright is international representative of the CIO United Stone and Allied Products Workers.

Progressives Call Cvetic 'Spy'

The Progressive Party of Pennsylvania, through its Pittsburgh regional office, today charged Matt Cvetic with being "a despicable labor spy" and "stool pigeon."

Mr. Cvetic, for nine years an FBI undercover man in the Communist Party, testified yesterday that some 500 Communists were able to control the Progressive Party here, under orders of Communist leaders.

"This attack is based on the desire of the un-democratic, union-busting forces in this country and in Pittsburgh who are bent upon destroying any attempt on the part of anyone to aid the coal miners in their life and death struggle to preserve their union," the Progressive Party replied.

Peter J. Skirtich

Not Man Named as Red

Peter J. Skirtich, of 522 Avery St., North Side, said today he doesn't want to be confused with the Pete Skertich named in Washington hearings as a member of the Communist Party's North Side Club.

Peter J. Skirtich is a carpenter by trade and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Lockhart St., North Side.

Jacob Begler, Merchant, Isn't Jack Begler, Red

Jacob Begler, North Side merchant, said today he has no connection with the Jack Begler who was named in Washington testimony as an active Communist in Pittsburgh and member of the "Labor Press Committee."

Jacob Begler, who lives at 1214 Pennsylvania Ave., North Side, has operated a store at 1133 Pennsylvania Ave., for 27 years.

"I have never had any connection with Communist activities in any way," Mr. Begler said.

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District Has 550 Reds, Cvetic Says

Party Had 800 Here
In 1948, He Claims;
Wallace Is Named

By INGRID JEWELL
Post-Gazette Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—

There are about 550 Communist Party members in Western Pennsylvania, a reduction from the top figure of 800 reached in 1948, Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh insurance man, told the House Un-American Activities Committee here today.

He will continue his testimony tomorrow.

Hierarchy Outlined

Cvetic, who joined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI in 1943 and worked himself up in Communist councils in Western Pennsylvania while reporting to the Justice Department, outlined this hierarchy in the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania:

Steve Nelson, as district organizer, is boss. Immediately subordinate to him, and each a leader in a specific branch of Communist enterprise, are: Andy Onda and William Gordon, steel; William Albertson, secretary of the district; Ben Careathers, Negro work; Leo Fisher, nationalities commission; Dave Grant, United Electrical Workers (Westinghouse); Sam Reed, UE (General Electric at Erie); Joe Mankin, hotel and restaurant workers union; Harold Orzcik, youth work; Alex Wright, Progressive Party infiltration; Milo Mamula, civil rights, and George Wuchinich, New York City, until recently in charge of the American Slav Congress infiltration in Pittsburgh.

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However, at one Crucible plant 12 Communist party members got control of a union of 2,800 members in two years just by getting their men elected to office. He said Dave Grant, Eleanor Sackter and Mike Saunders helped organize Crucible. Zigmund Pascowski and Joseph Robinson, both Communist party members, were elected to offices in the union, but were later exposed and ousted. Still active at Jones & Laughlin is Communist party organizer Alex Stabor; at the Homestead plant of Carnegie-Illinois, Elmer Kish; at Duquesne, Tony Salopek.

More Fertile Field

The United Electrical Workers Union was a more fertile field for Communist party infiltration, Cvetic testified. The district organization assigned Sam Reed to Erie; Dave Grant to Westinghouse; Jack Sartisky to the UE plant in Northside.

But Tom Fitzpatrick, at Westinghouse, was considered the outstanding Communist party member at work among the electrical workers. Others

were Tom Quinn, Alice Roth, Nate Alberts and Steve Rosner.

Last August 11, both Fitzpatrick and Quinn refused to tell the un-American Activities Committee here whether or not they are Communists. Cvetic recalled that Steve Nelson called a special meeting in Pittsburgh to brief persons called as witnesses before the House committee. Hyman Schlessinger and M. Y. Steinberg, Pittsburgh attorneys, provided legal advice, which was to refuse to answer whether they were Communists on the grounds that to answer would infringe on right guaranteed by the first and fifth amendments of the Constitution.

Cvetic said Leo Turner, organizer for District 6 of the UE, and Charles Newell, international representative of District 6, are both Communist party members.

In the coal industry, the Communists made little progress, Cvetic said. The United Mine Workers wanted no part of them. He said Gabe Kish was assigned to this work in the district; Mike Stanovich in the Allegheny valley; Steve Paich and Steve Straka in Washington County.

He said Kish under the name of George Kane was elected a member of the national committee of the Communist party at the 1945 convention.

The Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, and the union at the Heinz plant in Northside are fertile fields for Communist Party activity, he said. Joe Mankin, Nick Lazarus, George Nicho's, Eddie Lang, Hamp Golden and Helen Kompus (who works at the William Penn Hotel) are leaders.

The Labor Youth League is a Communist organization, Cvetic said. Harold Orzcik was sent to Pittsburgh from New York by the national board of the Communist Party to set up the organization. He called a meeting in the Fort Pitt Hotel at which William Albertson was speaker. Albertson was quoted as saying later, "Hitler won the youth of Germany before he was successful in launching the Nazi party; the Bolsheviks got the youth in Russia before they successfully launched the 1917 revolution; and we must get the youth before we can be successful here."

Other youth leaders are Bobby

Jones, Evelyn Abelson and Eddie Nixon, all Communist party members, according to Cvetic. Membership of the youth league is about 60. A special probe of the league's work is contemplated by

the un-American Activities Committee.

Cvetic said Tuesday his work for the FBI was voluntary, but testified today he was paid. He did not say how much.

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The Progressive Party, Cvetic said, is in Western Pennsylvania controlled by the Communist Party. As early as the fall of 1946, Cvetic recalled, William Z. Foster was telling Communist meetings that a "People's Party" must be organized outside the Communist Party but dominated by it. He listed Pittsburgh Attorney M. Y. Steinberg, who he said is a Communist, as a leader in the work of infiltrating the Progressive Party.

All Communists in Western Pennsylvania are members of the Progressive Party, he testified. Other Communist party members who are leaders in the Progressive party, he said are Pearl Griffin, Nick Lazarus, Milo Mamula and George Wuchinich.

On November 11, 1947, Cvetic recalled, Henry Wallace as national leader of the Progressive Party, and C. B. Baldwin, as his campaign manager, conferred in Wallace's room in the Schenley Hotel, Pittsburgh, with Cvetic and George Wuchinich, on the probable number of votes the Progressive party could get out of Western Pennsylvania. Cvetic said Wallace and Baldwin conferred with the two Pittsburghers as leaders in the American Slav Congress.

No Mention of Affiliation

No mention was made of Communist party affiliation, Cvetic testified. He added that both he and Wuchinich had been identified as leading Communists at that time, however, and were known to be such by the local Progressive Party leaders who set up the conference. Other Communist Party members who were leaders in the Progressive Party, he said, were Jack Sartisky and George Nichols, the latter a hiring agent for the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union who uses his position to place Communists in strategic positions in Pittsburgh hotels.

Wallace said at his South Salem, N. Y., home:

"I can't say with absolute flatness I had no awareness whatsoever of meeting any Communist in Pittsburgh."

He added that he recalled meeting Wuchinich in Pittsburgh, but not Cvetic. He said even today he had no personal knowledge that Wuchinich was a Communist.

"I was not at any time myself soliciting support from that group (the American Slav Congress)," Wallace added.

"If Slavs wanted to vote Progressive that was all right with us. There are all kinds of people in all parties."

C. B. Baldwin, who was Wallace's campaign manager, said he and Wallace had talked to many people in Pittsburgh.

Met Wallace Here, He Says



Matthew Cvetic, FBI agent, relating how he met Wallace. —Associated Press Wirephoto

The Slavic language newspapers are published at 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Cvetic testified, and all the editors and editorial workers are Communist Party members. This is not true of the printers, he added. He named these papers: Narodni Glasnik (Croatian); Ludovy Noviny (Slovak); and Slobodna Rec (Serbian). Leo Fisher is manager of the American Progressive Printing Company which publishes all three.

Infiltration Most Important

Most important of the work of the Communist Party in Western

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Pennsylvania, Cvetic pointed out, was its infiltration of the unions of basic industries: steel, coal and electrical manufacturing. The national board of the CP in 1945 established Western Pennsylvania as a "steel concentration area." A "Steel Commission" was set up in the party, whose job was to infiltrate the unions. Roy Hudson first headed this work.

The area was broken down into smaller geographical units. One encompassed the United States Steel Corporation's plants at Homestead, Duquesne, McKeesport and Braddock. A second handled the Crucible Steel Company's plants. A third had the Jones & Laughlin plants in South Side and Hazelwood. There was a similar concentration at Gary, Ind., and at Bethlehem, Pa.

In August, 1948, Roy Hudson called a district committee meeting in the Northside Carnegie Library, and Henry Winston from New York, a member of the Communist party national board, told the group Western Pennsylvania is the focal point

in the struggle to socialize the United States because of its concentration of heavy industry.

Ace Organizer Sent Here

Winston said the national board considered Western Pennsylvania so important it was sending its ace organizer, Steve Nelson, to Pittsburgh, and was sending Andy Onda to be his assistant in the steel field. Nelson replaced Hudson. Jim Dolsen, correspondent for the Daily Worker, said at that meeting, "I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in the United States without first getting the basic industries," Cvetic recalled.

Assigned to steel concentration work by the Communist party were Eleanor Sackter, Bessie Steinberg, Alex Steinberg and William Gordon who told Cvetic two months ago, "If we can move Pittsburgh an inch (in the direction of Communism) we can move the country a mile."

By and large, the attempts to infiltrate the steel industry have not been successful, he said.

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HOSPITALITY FOR THE FBI!

Hotel Manager Tells How He Aided Cvetic

By JAMES MOORE

Thomas F. Troy, general manager of Hotel William Penn, today described how he helped Matt Cvetic, alias Bob Stanton, fool top leaders of the Communist Party. For the past nine years Cvetic operated as an FBI investigator here, after infiltrating as a Communist Party leader.

Troy said:

"I've known for eight years that he was an FBI undercover agent and he has had a room in the hotel for the past five years.

"I kept moving his room around the hotel from floor to floor for fear somebody might be on his trail.

"He worked directly out of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Washington. The local FBI office didn't even know about him."

BOB STANTON——

Around the hotel the 40-year-old FBI agent went by the name of Bob Stanton. His Communist Party "buddies" knew him as Matt Cvetic.

Troy said he doesn't know what Cvetic dug up during the past nine years "but it must be plenty."

Cvetic always carried a .38 caliber revolver on a shoulder holster while attending Communist affairs. He said he never knew when his spy activities would be found out and he might have to shoot to protect his life.

HAD PERMIT——

The Sheriff's office issued the gun permit.

Before Cvetic left for Washington to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee he left the pistol in Troy's care.

Several bellhops at the hotel said that Cvetic usually looked shabby and not very important. His shabby look was just a part of his disguise.

Actually Cvetic likes to dress up in a newly pressed suit with a white shirt and bright tie. But that was "too bourgeois" and something he couldn't do as a Communist Party leader.

HE JOKED——

Several times I talked to him in his hotel room before he went to a Communist rally. He always joked:

"Well, I'll have to get into my old clothes now and go to a other 'church' meeting."

During the nine years he was an undercover agent he estimated that he attended no less than 2000 party meetings — most of them in private homes.

He also attended numerous party meetings in New York, Cleveland and Chicago.

Several times he told me he met at the hotel with Russian

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agents who came here to check with him on Communist Party work.

These conferences were held in another hotel room than the one he was living in.

And Cvetic said leaders of the party here often didn't know about long talks with the Soviet agents. He said:

"They will be howling mad Reds when they find out they were talking with an FBI man."

Talking about the aims of the Communist Party, Cvetic said:

"The Reds would rather move Pittsburgh two inches than move New York two miles. They all contend that if they can get control of Pittsburgh then Russia can rule the world."

Asked what he plans to do after he finishes his testimony before the House committee, he said:

"That's anybody's guess. If you know of any jobs let me know. I'm an expert at typing reports. I've written hundreds of them for the FBI."

Cvetic wrote the reports in his hotel room.

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Field Forces 'Juggled'

Reds Trying to Bolster Faltering U.E. Here, Cvetic Tells Spy Probe

Undercover Informer Charges Commies Control
Progressive Party Through 5-Man Commission

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By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—Matt Cvetic, ex-FBI informant, indicated to House spy hunters today the Communists in the Pittsburgh area are trying to bolster the faltering United Electrical Workers union.

The dapper Pittsburgher, who served as a paid undercover agent for the Government for nine years, testified the Commies have been juggling their field men recently to help the UE withstand raids for a newly-chartered CIO union.

The UE has been kicked out of the CIO on grounds of following the Communist Party line. The CIO formed a new International Union of Electrical Workers, which now is seeking to wrest control of many of the UE locals.

In the Communist strategy maneuvers, Mr. Cvetic testified, Sam Reed was assigned to the Erie area, Dave Grant to the East, Pittsburgh district and Jack Sartisky to the North Side section. He said under oath that all three are Communists.

Furthermore, Mr. Cvetic testified, these men are being assist-

ed in infiltrating the workers of the electrical industry by four others he personally knows to be Commies—Nate Alberts, Tom Fitzpatrick, Tom Quinn and Alice Roth.

[Charles Newell, international representative for the UE in Pittsburgh charged today that "it is obvious . . . a conspiracy was worked out ahead of time to smear the UE and to influence the result of the coming Labor Board election between the UE and the IUE."

[He also contended that a report "from our UE Washington representative" said Mr. Cvetic had not publicly listed him, Steve Rosner or Sartisky as party members.

["Three other persons—Alice
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Roth, Nate Alberts and Lee Kogan—were listed as UE representatives," he added. "They are not representatives of the UE." Mr. Cvetic identified them as Communist agents working in the UE.]

Meanwhile, Mr. Cvetic was to lay evidence before the House Un-American Activities Committee to show the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania is just a Communist tool.

Claim Party Control

He said the Commies control the Progressive Party in the Pittsburgh area through a five-member political commission headed by Steve Nelson, the Red leader in the district.

Nelson, a Russian-trained Communist leader, has been in Pittsburgh since August, 1948. Mr. Cvetic was a confidant of his, however, for 4½ years.

Mr. Cvetic already has told the committee, in secret hearings, that the Communist Party instructed all of its members to join the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Backed Wallace

This is the outfit which ran Henry Wallace for President in 1948.

Mr. Cvetic said the Progressive Party has about 4000 members in Western Pennsylvania and was the Communists' "main concentration point" during the 1948 election year.

He identified Alex Wright, an international representative of the CIO United Stone & Allied Products Workers, as the Communist director of the Progressive Party.

'Big Guns' Listed

Other "big guns" in the Communist set-up in Pittsburgh were listed by Mr. Cvetic, before a packed hearing room yesterday, as follows:

Andy Onda and Bill Gordon—In charge of "steel concentration" work.

Ben Careathers—In charge of "Negro concentration" work.

Dave Grant—East Pittsburgh organization director at the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Leo Fisher—In charge of the Nationality Commission to infiltrate foreign-language groups.

Gabe Kish, alias George Kane—Party organizer for Western Pennsylvania and director of "coal industry concentration."

Joe Mankin—Director of Commie activities in the A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance.

William Albertson—District secretary.

Harold (Sonny) Orzick—Director of the party's youth movement.

Milo Mamula—Communist director in the Civil Rights Congress.

George Wuchinich—Until recently Commie director in the American Slav Congress.

Mr. Cvetic testified that Wuchinich first became a "member-at-large" of the Communist Party and didn't have to carry a card. Later, he said, Wuchinich joined the McKeesport Branch of the party.

Other Clubs Listed

It was the first mention of a branch there. Previously Mr. Cvetic had named party clubs in the East End, Lawrenceville, North Side and various steel, food and electrical plants. It also is known the party has a club in Squirrel Hill.

Mr. Cvetic said "three or four years ago, I was visiting in New York with Wuchinich and we met with Steve Nelson."

"We took a walk with Nelson," he went on, "and Steve told George that he should be a member of the Communist Party, and George agreed and asked Steve how he could join."

Shouldn't Know

Mr. Cvetic said Nelson then replied:

"You should be one of the members-at-large and not be a card-carrying member. As a matter of fact, even Matt here should not know you are a member of the party."

"So, from now on, you will be a party member but keep it to yourself. Only the three of us will know."

Mr. Cvetic said he and Wuchinich used to meet almost daily with Nelson, either at party headquarters or at a nearby restaurant.

"As these attacks (on Communists and left-wingers) from the Un-American Activities Committee or from The Pittsburgh Press came out," he related, "we would discuss what to do."

"Usually, we tried to smear everybody who did not agree with us or opposed Communism in any way."

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Youth Leaders Said To Be Giving Food To Miners as 'Bait'

Matthew Cvetic, of Pittsburgh, a former FBI undercover agent, said he had been informed two

weeks ago that the alleged radicals were distributing food to the miners "as bait" while passing around copies of the Daily Worker, a Communist newspaper.

Cvetic said he was informed of these tactics by Bill Gordon, whom he identified as a Communist organizer.

Cvetic said the Youth League was created and controlled by the Communist Party.

(In Uniontown, a UMW official confirmed Cvetic's statement concerning distribution of the Daily Worker to striking miners.

Cvetcic testified for the third day about serving seven years for the FBI within the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, unfolding a story of alleged red plots for violent overthrow of the United States.

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Reds Prolong Coal Strike, Cvetic Says

Youth Leaders
To Be Given Food
To Miners as 'Bait'

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In his testimony today, Cvetic told the lawmakers:

1. That Communist Leader Steve Nelson constantly spoke of the United States as "the enemy."

2. That in the event of war with Russia, the Communist Party taught him it would be his job "to wage war against my own government to the point of revolution and to overthrow it." He said every Communist gets the same teachings.

3. That radio station WLOA at Braddock, Pa., has been used to broadcast scripts prepared by Communist leaders. Cvetic said, however, that as far as he knows the people in charge of station WLOA are not Reds.

(Bill Matta, WLOA station manager, said in Braddock that the scripts referred to were prepared by the American Slav Congress. He said the organization agreed to make the programs educational and eliminate any controversial matter.

Later, Matta continued, the weekly 15-minute broadcasts became objectionable and controversial. He said they were canceled a year ago.)

Tells of Nelson Boast

The witness said he rode home with Nelson after President Truman's announcement last September that Russia had touched off an atomic explosion. He quoted Nelson as boasting:

"We have the atomic bomb now and the enemy won't be in such a hurry to start a war now."

By "enemy," he said, Nelson meant the United States.

Cvetic said that last year, when it became apparent the Communists were going to overrun China, he talked with Nelson about building up trade between Communist China and the United States. He said Nelson replied:

"We should take all the help, money and machinery from the enemy, as that will hasten the day over here. We should take all the help we can get from the suckers over here."

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Two Accused by Cvetic Told to Deny Charge Publicly or Resign

Business Agent and Employment Manager
Of Hotel Workers' Alliance Given Stern
Ultimatum by Local's Elected Board

President John J. Kenny, of AFL Local 237 Hotel and Restaurant Alliance, yesterday told two elected officials accused of being Communists to publicly deny the charge or resign from office.

The two are Nick Lazari, a member since 1924 and business agent for dining room workers, and George Nichols, employment manager. They were identified as part of the Communist apparatus in Western Pennsylvania this week by Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover agent, in his testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington.

Called Before Union Officers

Deploring the implication that Lazari or Nichols had in way influenced the policies of Local 237, President Kenny stated:

"I have called Nick Lazari and George Nichols before the Board of Officers of this union and informed them to either publicly deny they are Communists or resign from office.

"The statement that these men are connected with a subversive movement casts serious reflection on the integrity of this union and its 6,500 members.

"The Board of Officers of Local 237 is composed of 25 members, most of whom are Roman Catholics, like myself.

Opposed to Totalitarianism

"The officers of Local 237, like myself, and the union as a whole have been — and still are — consistently opposed to Communism, Fascism or any other form of totalitarianism.

"On Monday night," Kenny continued, "Local 237 will meet to nominate officers for the coming year. If Lazari and Nichols refuse to accede to the board's wishes, I will refuse to accept their names should they be placed in nomination.

"As to Joe Mankin (also named by Cvetik), I would like to make it clear that he holds no office in Local 237. He is merely a probationary employe hired by one of the Downtown hotels."

As Kenny made his statement, it was learned that petitions were being circulated among Local 237 members in Downtown hotels and establishments calling for Lazari's dismissal.

It Could Be Simpler

A much simpler procedure to accomplish the same end could have been taken. Under Local 237 bylaws, any five members could ask the president for a special meeting of the union to bring the matter up on the floor.

The local's executive board has gone on record to file non-Communist affidavits to comply with the Taft-Hartley Act if at any time it is involved in a case concerned with interstate commerce which would take it before the National Labor Relations Board.

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